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Letter dated December 10, 1927 to William M. Kearney
from Cole L. Harwood

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Heno, Nevada, December 10, 1927.

William M. Kearney, Esq.,
Attorney for Walker River Irrigation
District, and other defendants,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

U. S. -vs- Walker River Irrigation
District, et al - C-125

Your letter dated November 17th reached me yesterday.

The proposal of compromise discussed at the conference which closed on November 2d, we think would not, if carried out, have the effect stated in your letter, but we assume from what you say that that proposal is not under consideration by the defendants in this case, and will not therefore be submitted by them. The plaintiff and everyone connected with it realize the many difficulties of the situation and the many interests that are conflicting among the defendants themselves.

The proposition suggested by you, however, it is felt would mean very little to the Indians whose interests are directly affected. In fact, the proposal as you now make it is much less favorable than that discussed, and, as we understood, was agreeable to the defendants at the previous conference held last May. The suggested provisions as to duty of water, the limitations as to flow, and places of measurement would not be satisfactory under any circumstances, nor as applied to any acreage. The area for which water is to be

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to be conceded a first right by the defendants is just half that which the Government indicated was the minimum that would be recommended as the basis of a compromise by the representatives of the plaintiff.

The proposal suggested by you in behalf of the defendants cannot, therefore, be recommended.

Very truly yours,

COLE L. HARWOOD,
Special Assistant to the
Attorney General.